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Security Council

11 a.m. . . . . 6045th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

3 p.m. . . . . 6046th meeting . . . . . Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 18 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 24th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593)

Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593))

3–3.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 126 (United Nations pension system (A/63/9, A/63/363, A/C.5/63/2 and A/63/556))

3.30–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 and 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; and Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/63/558, A/63/559, A/63/595, A/62/809, A/62/7/Add.38, A/62/681, A/62/734, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/62/30 (Chapter II) and A/62/30/Corr.1))

5–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 24th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . 18th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

3–6 p.m. . . . . 19th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Provisional agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General
2. Election of the Chairperson
3. Adoption of the agenda (CRC/SP/39)
4. Election of other officers of the Meeting
5. Election of 9 members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 on the Convention of the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155, CRC/SP/40, CRC/SP/40/Add.1 and CRC/SP/40/Add.2)
6. Other matters

[*Note*: In the recent past, meetings of States Parties have been substantially delayed or cancelled due to a lack of a quorum. In order to avoid such occurrences, it is imperative for States Parties to be present at the appointed time for the meeting.]

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

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Informal consultations on the draft resolution entitled "2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa" (under agenda item 43) (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Tuesday, 16 December 2008

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Other activities

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Tuesday, 16 December 2008

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Launch of the Global South-South Development Expo and leaders' round table

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1:
Round table on "Leveraging market solutions for human development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Seminar on "The real estate and financial crisis: Causes, effects and impacts on development" (organized by the Economic Commission for Europe and its Real Estate Market Advisory Group, in cooperation with the International Real Estate Federation)

From 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[The Deputy Secretary-General will make opening remarks. All are invited to attend. For further information, please visit <www.un.org/regionalcommissions/>; or contact the Regional Commissions New York Office (tel. 1 (212) 963-2348 or 963-8088; e-mail silvern@un.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 25th meeting on Wednesday 17, December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting on Wednesday, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund
First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

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General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 19 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Wednesday, 17 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1; and

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change"

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Principles into action: Ten years of the Guiding Principles on International Displacement", to mark the launching of a new global campaign (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 12.30 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Egloff, OCHA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8268; e-mail egloffp@un.org); or Mr. Scott Garth, OCHA (tel. 1 (917) 367-8254; e-mail garth@un.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, the Netherlands and Norway)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nabila Habbida, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (646) 839-6659; e-mail nabila.habbida@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Floor Boekhorst, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-5738; e-mail floor.boekhorst@minbuza.nl).]

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to

support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

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Summary of official meetings

Monday, 15 December 2008

Security Council

6043rd meeting[1] *Briefings by Chairmen of subsidiary bodies of the Security Council*

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard briefings by Ambassador Giulio Terzi di Sant'Agata, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1591 (2005) concerning the Sudan and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1718 (2006); Ambassador Dumisani Shadrack Kumalo, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia and the Ad Hoc Working Group on Conflict Prevention and Resolution in Africa; Ambassador R.M. Marty Muliana Natalegawa, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 918 (1994) concerning Rwanda, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations; Ambassador Jan Grauls, Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities, the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1572 (2004) concerning Côte d'Ivoire and the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1737 (2006); and Ambassador Ricardo Alberto Arias, Chairman of the Security Council Informal Working Group on Documentation and Other Procedural Questions.

6044th meeting (closed) *Peace and security in Africa*

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 6044th meeting, held in private on 15 December 2008, the Security Council considered the item entitled 'Peace and security in Africa'.

"The meeting was presided over by His Excellency Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

"The Secretary-General, His Excellency Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

?His Excellency The Right Honourable Mr. David Miliband, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Her Excellency Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and other members of the Council had an exchange of views."

[1] The 6043rd meeting was suspended temporarily due to an evacuation of the Security Council Chamber following a fire alarm.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

69th plenary meeting

Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: specific meeting focused on development . . . . . [107]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of agenda item 107 to hold, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 60/265 of 30 June 2006, a specific meeting focused on development, including an assessment of progress over the previous year.

The Deputy Secretary-General made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union and those countries that aligned themselves with the statement), Honduras, Pakistan, Kazakhstan and Cuba.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 107.

Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization: draft resolution (A/63/L.39/Rev.1) . . . . . [114 (i)]

The General Assembly resumed its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 114.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/63/L.53 (resolution 63/144).

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (i) of agenda item 114.

The President made an appeal to those Member States intending to submit draft resolutions on the remaining sub-items of agenda item 114, to do so as soon as possible.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to postpone the date of recess of the current session to Monday, 22 December 2008.

The General Assembly decided to extend the work of the Fifth Committee until Monday, 22 December 2008.

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

23rd meeting

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 . . . . . [130]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 . . . . . [131]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/558, A/63/559 and A/62/809).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/595 and A/62/7/Add.38).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Rwanda (on behalf of the African Group), the United States, Cuba and Chile.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these items would begin on that day, Monday, 15 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship Ms. Elsa Cristina de Jesus Pataca (Angola).

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the report of the Secretary-General (A/63/154).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/63/594).

Statements were made by the representatives of France (on behalf of the European Union), Switzerland (also on behalf of Liechtenstein) and Japan.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this question.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on this question would be held in conjunction with other reports on revised estimates and statements of programme budget implications before the Committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Henric Råsbrant (Sweden), Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

Programme planning . . . . . [119]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft resolution A/C.5/63/L.4, which had been coordinated by the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran, on behalf of the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item at this stage.

Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency . . . . . [127]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item and had before it draft decision A/C.5/63/L.3 submitted by the Chairman.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft decision.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this agenda item.

General Assembly
Security Council

Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Sierra Leone configuration

1st meeting

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Frank Majoor (Netherlands), declared open the first Sierra Leone country-specific meeting of the Peacebuilding Commission and made a statement.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [1]

The Commission had before it the provisional agenda, as contained in document PBC/3/SLE/1.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission adopted the provisional agenda.

Biannual review of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework (PBC/3/SLE/L.1) . . . . . [2]

The Chairman made a statement.

The Commission adopted the "Draft conclusions and recommendations of the second biannual review of the implementation of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework" (PBC/3/SLE/L.1).

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone, H.E. Mrs. Zainab Hawa Bangura, made a statement.

Mr. Michael Schulenburg, Executive Representative of the Secretary-General in Sierra Leone, made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department of Political Affairs made a statement.

The Assistant Secretary-General for the Peacebuilding Support Office made a statement.

Mr. Moustapha Soumare, Acting Regional Director of the Africa Bureau, UNDP, made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, France (on behalf of the European Union), Brazil, Guinea, Pakistan, the United States and Canada.

The Minister of Finance and Economic Development of Sierra Leone, H.E. Mr. David Carew, made a statement.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Sierra Leone, H.E. Mrs. Zainab Hawa Bangura, made a statement.

The Chairperson made a concluding statement.

Other matters . . . . . [3]

No other matters were raised.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

International Tropical Timber Agreement, 2006. Geneva, 27 January 2006

Signature: Slovenia (15 December 2008)

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Sweden (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Ratification: Sweden (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 18 December 2002

Ratification: Chile (12 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
	Sixty-second session
A/62/49 (Vol. II)	Resolutions and Decisions adopted by the General Assembly during its sixty-second session — Volume II — Decisions — 18 September – 22 December 2007 — Supplement No. 49 [German]
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A/C.6/63/SR.11	Meeting held on 21 October 2008, 10 a.m. [A C E F R S]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/63/97/Add.2	Item 81 — Reduction of military budgets — Objective information on military matters, including transparency of military expenditures — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/346/Add.1	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Thematic cluster I. Special and personal envoys, special advisers and personal representatives of the Secretary-General and Office of the United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/541/Add.1	Items 58 and 118 — Report of the Human Rights Council — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates resulting from resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/546/Corr.1	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Revised budget for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/550	Item 132 — Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations — Comprehensive review of the compensation of death and disability benefits to military contingents, formed police units, military observers and civilian police officers — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/583	Items 64 (e) and 118 — Promotion and protection of human rights: Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/63/603–S/2008/775 Item 89 — General and complete disarmament — Identical letters dated 9 December 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.25/Rev.1/Add.1 Item 107 — Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit — Australia, Austria, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Israel, Lesotho, Lithuania, Madagascar, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania and Uruguay: revised draft resolution — Legal empowerment of the poor and eradication of poverty —Antigua and Barbuda, Belgium, Bulgaria, Chile, Croatia, Denmark, Hungary, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Philippines, Republic of Korea, South Africa, Suriname, Swaziland and United States of America [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.41/Add.1 Item 114 (f) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries — Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Canada, Cape Verde, Czech Republic, Fiji, Guinea-Bissau, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mozambique, Portugal, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Timor-Leste and Turkey: draft resolution — Andorra, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Croatia, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Liberia, Romania, South Africa, Spain and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.45/Add.1 Item 65 (b) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions — Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Ireland, Japan, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Portugal, Sweden, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution — Humanitarian assistance and reconstruction of Liberia — Brazil, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Egypt, Greece, Guatemala, Iceland, Israel, Italy, Lesotho, Lithuania, Morocco, Slovenia and Spain [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.47/Add.1 Item 65 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Canada, Central African Republic, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, Germany, Guinea, Iceland, Indonesia, Ireland, Japan, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Maldives, Monaco, Nigeria, Panama, Philippines, Senegal, Seychelles, Singapore, Spain, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Turkey, United States of America and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of): draft resolution — Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster — Albania, Algeria, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belarus, Belgium, Belize, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chile, Congo, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, Guyana, Hungary, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Israel, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Malta, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, San Marino, Slovenia, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Ukraine, United Kingdom of

Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zambia [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.48/Add.1 Item 65 — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance — Albania, Andorra, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Dominica, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Malta, Mexico, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America and Vanuatu: draft resolution — Safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel — Botswana, Colombia, Gabon, Georgia, Kenya, Saint Lucia and Uruguay [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.49/Add.1 Item 65 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Belize, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Central African Republic, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, India, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mexico, Monaco, Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United States of America and Zambia: draft resolution — Angola, Cambodia, Mozambique and Pakistan [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.50/Add.1 Item 65 (c) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: assistance to the Palestinian people — Albania, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chile, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Montenegro, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Senegal, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Timor-Leste, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution — Belarus, Iceland, Namibia and Republic of Korea [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.51/Add.1 Item 42 — Sport for peace and development — Australia, Austria, Chile, China, Germany, Italy, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Russian Federation, South Africa, Switzerland, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and Zambia: draft resolution — Sport as a means to promote education, health, development and peace — Albania, Andorra, Argentina, Armenia, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Canada, Cape Verde, Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica,

	Japan, Kenya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Maldives, Malta, Mauritius, Myanmar, Philippines, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Slovenia, Spain, Suriname, Sweden, Thailand, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Ukraine and Uruguay [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.52/Add.1	Item 11 — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict — Argentina, India, Namibia, Singapore, South Africa and Turkey: draft resolution — The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict: breaking the link between the illicit transaction of rough diamonds and armed conflict as a contribution to prevention and settlement of conflicts — Armenia, Australia, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Guyana, Japan, New Zealand, Philippines, Russian Federation, Thailand, Ukraine and United States of America [A C E F R S]
	Third Committee
A/C.3/63/INF/1	List of draft proposals contained in the reports of the Third Committee — Note by the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

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S/2008/771	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/773	Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
A/63/603–S/2008/775	Identical letters dated 9 December 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of France to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly and the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/779	China, France, Russian Federation, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6038	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6039	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6040	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
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S/RES/1847 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6038th meeting, on 12 December 2008 [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1848 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6039th meeting, on 12 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

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	Sierra Leone configuration
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PBC/3/SLE/L.1 Draft conclusions and recommendations of the second biannual review of the implementation of the Sierra Leone Peacebuilding Cooperation Framework [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

Documents

Commission for Social Development
Forty-seventh session

E/CN.5/2009/6 Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups — Monitoring of the implementation of the Standard Rules on the Equalization of Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Programme of meetings and agenda

Official meetings

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Security Council

10 a.m.	6047th meeting	Security Council Chamber
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	2. The situation in the Middle East	
	Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/752)	
Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Middle East (Lebanon) (S/2008/752)[2]	
	Democratic Republic of the Congo (S/2008/773)	
	Liberia (S/2008/785)	
	Other matters	
3 p.m.	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room
	Great Lakes region	
	Other matters	

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 6047th meeting.
[2] With a view to a formal meeting.

Security Council

The Security Council will hold an open debate on Thursday, 18 December 2008, in the Security Council Chamber, in connection with the agenda item "The situation in the Middle East". Member States wishing to inscribe their names on the list of speakers should contact the Secretariat (room S-3520; fax 1 (212) 963-7878; tel. 1 (212) 963-5258), from 9.30 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. *Delegations are also kindly requested to limit their statements to no more than five minutes.*

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Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1267 (1999) concerning Al-Qaida and the Taliban and associated individuals and entities

4 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m. . . . . 25th meeting . . . . . Conference Room 3

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2. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/63/546, A/63/546/Corr.1 and A/63/602) . . . . . [139]

Introduction and general discussion

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Informal consultations on agenda items 148 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/63/544, A/63/535 and A/63/606)); and 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/63/546, A/63/546/Corr.1 and A/63/602))

3–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593); and Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601))

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting of the Committee.

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Executive session

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Peacebuilding Commission
Third session

Organizational Committee

An informal meeting (closed) of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission will be held *today*, 17 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All Member States are invited to attend.

General Assembly

Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations

The informal open-ended working group on enhanced rapidly deployable capacities of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations will hold an informal meeting *today*, 17 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultation on the draft resolution entitled "Agriculture development and food security" (under agenda item 107) (convened by the delegations of Chile, Egypt and Indonesia)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Group of 77 (at the ambassadorial level)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 2

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (monthly meeting)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Coordinating Bureau

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

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African Group (Fifth Committee experts)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 6

Other activities

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Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in public-private partnership for development"

From 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in disaster-risk reduction and climate change"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General of the United Nations (year-end press conference)

12.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Georg Kell, Executive Director, United Nations Global Compact Office (on current trends and developments in the corporate responsibility arena, particularly in the context of the financial crisis and the subsequent economic downturn)

1.30 p.m. . . . . Mr. Daniel Bellemare, Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission for Lebanon (following the consultations of the whole of the Security Council on the Commission)

Forthcoming official meetings

Thursday, 18 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m. . . . . 70th plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: draft resolution (A/63/L.58)[1] . . . . . [104 (b)]
2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/63/423) . . . . . [39]
3. Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/63/424) . . . . . [55]
4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/63/425) . . . . . [56]
5. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/63/435/Add.1) [58]
6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/63/426) . . . . . [60]
7. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/63/427) . . . . . [61]
8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/428) . . . . . [62]
9. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/429) [63]
10. Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430) [64]
    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.1)
    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2)[1]
    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.3)
    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.4)
    (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.5)
11. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/63/431) [97]
12. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/63/432) . . . . . [98]
13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/63/433) . . . . . [110]
14. Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/63/434) . . . . . [119]

[1] To be issued.

3 p.m. . . . . 71st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.57) . . . . . [48]

2. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.55) . . . . . [45]

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Thursday, 18 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

Briefing by the Secretariat to the Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 19 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Thursday, 18 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Principles into action: Ten years of the Guiding Principles on International Displacement", to mark the launching of a new global campaign (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 3 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Egloff, OCHA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8268; e-mail egloffp@un.org); or Mr. Scott Garth, OCHA (tel. 1 (917) 367-8254; e-mail garth@un.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, the Netherlands and Norway)

Thursday, 18 December 2008, from 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nabila Habbida, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (646) 839-6659; e-mail nabila.habbida@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Floor Boekhorst, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-5738; e-mail floor.boekhorst@minbuza.nl).]

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 19 December 2008*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

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Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 16 December 2008

Security Council

6045th meeting

The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/787, submitted by the Russian Federation and the United States of America.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America, H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. The Right Honourable David Miliband, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, and by the representatives of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, France, Viet Nam, South Africa, Costa Rica, Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Panama, Belgium and Italy.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/787) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/787) received 14 votes in favour, none against and 1 abstention and was adopted as resolution 1850 (2008).

6046th meeting

The situation in Somalia

The meeting was presided over by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia, in his capacity as the President of the Security Council.

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Greece, India, Japan, Liberia, Norway, Somalia, Sweden, Turkey and Yemen, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, at the request of the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Yahya Mahmasani, Permanent Observer of the League of Arab States.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, at the request of the representative of South Africa, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to H.E. Mr. Ramtame Lamamra, Commissioner for Peace and Security of the African Union.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/789, submitted by Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Liberia, Panama, the Republic of Korea, Spain and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/789) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/789) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1851 (2008).

Following the vote, statements were made by H.E. Mr. Sergey Lavrov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation, H.E. The Right Honourable David Miliband, M.P., Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and H.E. Mr. He Yafei, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of China, and by the representatives of Indonesia, Viet Nam and Costa Rica.

The Secretary-General, H.E. Mr. Ban Ki-moon, made a statement.

Statements were made by H.E. Ms. Condoleezza Rice, Secretary of State of the United States of America, and by the representatives of Italy, Indonesia, Belgium, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, South Africa, France, Costa Rica, Burkina Faso, Viet Nam and Panama, and by H.E. Mr. Ivo Sanader, Prime Minister of Croatia.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Ali Ahmed Jama, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, H.E. Mr. Yasutoshi Nishimura, Parliamentary Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan, and H.E. Mr. Konstantinos Tasoulas, Deputy Minister for Defence of Greece, and by the representatives of Norway, Turkey, Sweden, Germany, Denmark, Yemen, Egypt and India.

The Council heard statements by H.E. Mr. Mahmasani and H.E. Mr. Lamamra.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

24th meeting

Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/62/828).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/593 and A/63/601).

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Canada (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and Canada), Japan, Qatar, the United States, Lebanon, Afghanistan, Norway and Turkmenistan (on behalf of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan).

The Director of the Programme Planning and Budget Division replied to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these questions.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council would begin on that day, Tuesday, 16 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanship of Ms. Yuliana Georgieva (Bulgaria).

Other matters

The representative of Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) made a statement.

Convention on the Rights of the Child

Meeting of the States Parties
Twelfth Meeting

19th meeting

Opening of the Meeting by the representative of the Secretary-General . . . . . [1]

The Meeting was opened by the representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Ngonlardje Mbaidjol, Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, who made a statement.

Election of the Chairperson . . . . . [2]

The representative of Senegal made a statement.

H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai (Thailand) was elected as Chairman of the Meeting, by acclamation.

Adoption of the agenda . . . . . [3]

The Meeting adopted the provisional agenda submitted by the Secretary-General (CRC/SP/39) as its agenda.

Election of other officers of the Meeting . . . . . [4]

The Meeting unanimously elected H.E. Mr. Leslie Kojo Christian (Ghana), Mr. Asif Garayev (Azerbaijan) and Ms. Dianela Pi (Uruguay) as Vice-Chairpersons.

Election of nine members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child in accordance with article 43 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child as amended (see General Assembly resolution 50/155) . . . . . [5]

The following candidates were elected after the first ballot as members of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to serve from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Mr. Jean Zermatten (Switzerland), Ms. Yanghee Lee (Republic of Korea), Mr. Awich Pollar (Uganda), Mr. Sanphasit Koompraphant (Thailand) and Ms. Marta Maurás Pérez (Chile).

20th meeting

The following candidates were elected after the second (first restricted) ballot to serve as members of the Committee of the Rights of the Child from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Ms. Hadeel Al-Asmar (Syrian Arab Republic) and Mr. Peter Guran (Slovakia).

The following candidates were elected after the third (second restricted) ballot to serve as member of the Committee of the Rights of the Child from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013: Ms. Susana Villarán de la Puente (Peru) and Ms. Kamla Devi Varmah (Mauritius).

Other matters . . . . . [6]

No statements were made under this item.

The twelfth Meeting of the States Parties was then declared closed.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment. New York, 10 December 1984

Signature: Bahamas (16 December 2008)

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of their Families. New York, 18 December 1990

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women. New York, 6 October 1999

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Mozambique (10 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

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Symbol	*Main title*
General Assembly	**Official Records**
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A/62/4/Corr.1 (Supp)	Report of the International Court of Justice [F (only)]

General Assembly	Documents
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A/63/414/Add.3	Item 49 (c) — Sustainable development: International Strategy for Disaster Reduction — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.5	Item 51 (c) — Globalization and interdependence: integration of the economies in transition into the world economy — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/425	Item 56 — Advancement of women — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/426	Item 60 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/428	Item 62 — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/429	Item 63 — Right of peoples to self-determination — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/430/Add.3	Item 64 (c) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/593	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/596	Items 13 and 18 — Protracted conflicts in the GUAM area and their implications for international peace, security and development — The situation in the occupied territories of Azerbaijan — Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/601	Item 118 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under sections 3 and 32 related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.29/Rev.1	Item 44 — Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields — Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Cyprus, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malta, Netherlands, Norway, Philippines, Portugal, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Slovenia, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda: revised draft resolution — International Labour Organization Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalization [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.39/Rev.1/Add.1	Item 114 (i) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization — Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey and Uzbekistan: revised draft resolution — Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Cambodia [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.53/Add.1	Item 65 (a) — Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations — Antigua and Barbuda: draft resolution — International cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development — Japan, Mexico and Russian Federation [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.55	Item 45 — Culture of peace — Albania, Australia, Belize, Egypt, Finland, Israel, Morocco, Oman, Singapore and Spain: draft resolution — Supporting the United Nations International School in enhancing international education and promoting multicultural interaction [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.56	Item 114 (s) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum — Australia, Canada, Czech Republic, Finland, Italy, Micronesia (Federated States of), Palau, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Singapore, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Turkey and Tuvalu: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.57	Item 48 — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/14	Items 118 and 62 (a) — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: elimination of racism and racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance — International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/772	Letter dated 19 August 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/780	Draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/785	Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/786	Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6043	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/6044	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1849 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6040th meeting, on 12 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

	Documents
	Substantive session of 2009
E/2009/5	Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme — Report to the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund [A C E F R S]
	United Nations Children's Fund Executive Board **First regular session 2009**
E/ICEF/2009/6	Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Reports of the Joint Inspection Unit of relevance to UNICEF — Note by the secretariat [A C E F R S]

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

	Documents
	First regular session 2009
E/2009/5	Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Report to the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund [A C E F R S]

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women

	Documents
	Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women
CEDAW/C/LBR/6	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Combined initial, second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth periodic reports of States parties — Liberia [A C E F R S]
	Pre-session working group **Forty-fourth session**
CEDAW/PSWG/2009/II	Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 18 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women — Report of the pre-session working group [A C E F R S]

Secretariat

ST/ADM/SER.B/735 Assessment of Member States' contributions for the financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 [E F S (only)]

Communications to the Editor

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Security Council

10 a.m.	6049th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in the Middle East, including the Palestinian question[1]

[1] Speakers are kindly requested to limit their statements to *no more than five minutes*.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.[1]	70th plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: draft resolution (A/63/L.58) [104 (b)]
2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions: report of the Third Committee (A/63/423) [39]
3. Social development: report of the Third Committee (A/63/424) [55]
4. Advancement of women: report of the Third Committee (A/63/425) [56]
5. Report of the Human Rights Council: report of the Third Committee (A/63/435/Add.1) [58]
6. Promotion and protection of the rights of children: report of the Third Committee (A/63/426) [60]
7. Indigenous issues: report of the Third Committee (A/63/427) [61]
8. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/428) [62]

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[1] The plenary meeting scheduled for the afternoon has been cancelled.

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9. Right of peoples to self-determination: report of the Third Committee (A/63/429) [63]

10. Promotion and protection of human rights: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430) [64]

    (a) Implementation of human rights instruments: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.1)

    (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.2)

    (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.3)

    (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.4)

    (e) Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: report of the Third Committee (A/63/430/Add.5)

11. Crime prevention and criminal justice: report of the Third Committee (A/63/431) [97]

12. International drug control: report of the Third Committee (A/63/432) . . . . . [98]

13. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly: report of the Third Committee (A/63/433) . . . . . [110]

14. Programme planning: report of the Third Committee (A/63/434) . . . . . [119]

15. Culture of peace: draft resolution (A/63/L.55) . . . . . [45]

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10–11.30 a.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 130 and 131 (Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994; and Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (A/63/558, A/63/559, A/63/595, A/62/809, A/62/7/Add.38, A/62/681, A/62/734, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/62/30 (Chapter II) and A/62/30/Corr.1))

11.30 a.m.–12 noon . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 126 (United Nations pension system (A/63/9, A/63/363, A/C.5/63/2 and A/63/556)); and 116 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/63/5 (Vol. I), A/63/5 (Vol. III), A/63/5 (Vol. IV), A/63/5/Add.1, A/63/5/Add.2, A/63/5/Add.2/Corr.1, A/63/5/Add.3, A/63/5/Add.4, A/63/5/Add.5, A/63/5/Add.6, A/63/5/Add.7, A/63/5/Add.8, A/63/5/Add.9, A/63/5/Add.10, A/63/5/Add.11, A/63/5/Add.12, A/63/169, A/63/327, A/63/327/Add.1 and A/63/474))

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Briefing by the Secretariat

3–4.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593); and Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601))

4.30–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/63/544, A/63/535, A/63/606 and A/63/606/Corr.1))

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

Executive session

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Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 5

Group of Latin American and Caribbean States (meeting with the Secretary-General of the United Nations)

3–5 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 4

Other activities

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Global seminar on "Languages matter! Linguistic diversity, globalization and development", on the occasion of the International Year of Languages (2008) (organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the Department of Public Information (DPI))

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Rodney Pascual, DPI (tel. 1 (212) 963-2363; e-mail pascual@un.org).]

Special events on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2.30 to 6 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "Showcasing solutions in poverty alleviation"

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7:
Round table on "Increasing effectiveness of South-South cooperation for development" — a workshop for practitioners of South-South and triangular cooperation

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

UNITAR Migration and Development Series — Panel discussion on the occasion of International Migrants Day on the theme "The human rights of migrants: Facilitating migrants' participation in national and international affairs" (organized by UNITAR, in collaboration with IOM, UNFPA, International IDEA, the Center for Migration Studies and the MacArthur Foundation)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

[All are invited to attend. For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org/en/migrantsday08.html>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (room DC1-603; tel. 1 (212) 963-9684; e-mail rosengaertner@un.org).]

Panel discussion on "Principles into action: Ten years of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement", to mark the launching of a new global advocacy campaign (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs and the Representative of the Secretary-General on the human rights of internally displaced persons)

From 1 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Mr. Patrick Egloff, OCHA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8268; e-mail egloffp@un.org); or Mr. Scott Garth, OCHA (tel. 1 (917) 367-8254; e-mail garth@un.org).]

High-level panel discussion on "Human rights, sexual orientation and gender identity" (organized by the Permanent Missions of Argentina, Brazil, Croatia, France, Gabon, the Netherlands and Norway)

From 1 to 2.30 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Nabila Habbida, Permanent Mission of France (tel. 1 (646) 839-6659; e-mail nabila.habbida@diplomatie.gouv.fr); or Ms. Floor Boekhorst, Permanent Mission of the Netherlands (tel. 1 (212) 519-5738; e-mail floor.boekhorst@minbuza.nl).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

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Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Dumisani Kumalo, Permanent Representative of South Africa (a year-end press conference wrapping up South Africa's current membership in the Security Council)

Guest at 12 noon . . . . Mr. John Holmes, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (to launch a new global advocacy campaign on internal displacement)

Security Council stakeout

2.30 p.m. . . . . H.E. Mr. Maxime Vergahen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands; and H.E. Ms. Rama Yade, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and Human Rights of France

Friday, 19 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3 p.m. . . . . 71st plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.29/Rev.1) . . . . . [44]

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations . . [114]

   (k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie: draft resolution (A/63/L.59)

   (s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/63/L.56)

3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/63/410) . . . . . [38]

4. Information and communication technologies for development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/411) . . . . . [46]

5. Macroeconomic policy questions: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412) . . [47]

   (a) International trade and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.1)

   (b) International financial system and development: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.2)

   (c) External debt crisis and development: towards a durable solution to the debt problems of developing countries: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.3)

   (d) Commodities: report of the Second Committee (A/63/412/Add.4)

6. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: report of the Second Committee (A/63/413 (Part II)) . . . . . [48]

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Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 26th meeting on Friday, 19 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting, and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session of 2008

The Economic and Social Council will meet on Friday, 19 December 2008, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to fill outstanding vacancies in its subsidiary bodies and to consider outstanding issues before the Council.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Briefing by the Secretariat to the Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

Friday, 19 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

Asian Group

Friday, 19 December 2008, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

Forthcoming other activities

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Special event on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

Friday, 19 December 2008

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:

Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 9 January 2009*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council <www.un.org/Docs/sc>.

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Access to back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*

Back issues of the *Journal of the United Nations*, in English and French, can be accessed at the following addresses: <www.un.org/ga/search/journal.asp> and <www.un.org/french/ga/search/journal.asp>.

[All comments and suggestions about the daily *Journal* are welcomed. Kindly contact the Journal Unit at journal@un.org.]

Summary of official meetings

Wednesday, 17 December 2008

Security Council

6047th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/752)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Daniel Bellemare, Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission.

The Council heard a briefing by Mr. Bellemare.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Lebanon.

6048th meeting

The situation in the Middle East

Letter dated 2 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/752)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Lebanon, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

Pursuant to the invitation extended at the 6047th meeting under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure, the President acknowledged the presence of the Commissioner of the International Independent Investigation Commission, Mr. Daniel Bellemare.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2008/792, which had been submitted by France.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2008/792) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2008/792) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1852 (2008).

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

25th meeting

Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur . . . [148]

Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea . . . . . [139]

The Committee began its consideration of these agenda items.

The Controller introduced the reports of the Secretary-General (A/63/544, A/63/535, A/63/546 and A/63/546/Corr.1).

The Vice-Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related reports of that Committee (A/63/606 and A/63/602).

Statements were made by the representatives of Angola (on behalf of the African Group), Japan and the Sudan.

The Controller made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of these items.

The Chairman informed the Committee that informal consultations on these items would begin on that day, Wednesday, 17 December, following the adjournment of the formal meeting, in Conference Room 5, under the chairmanships of Mr. Yeen Teck Hoe (Singapore), for item 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea); and Ms. Anna Hjartardottir (Iceland), for item 148 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide. New York, 9 December 1948

Withdrawal of reservation: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. New York, 7 March 1966

Withdrawal of reservation: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. New York, 16 December 1966

Withdrawal of reservation: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, aiming at the abolition of the death penalty. New York, 15 December 1989

Accession: Rwanda (15 December 2008)[1]

International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance. New York, 20 December 2006

Ratification: Bolivia (17 December 2008)[1]

WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control. Geneva, 21 May 2003

Ratification: Suriname (16 December 2008)[1]

Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks. New York, 4 August 1995

Accession: Panama (16 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:

Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

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General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/63/414	Item 49 — Sustainable development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/414/Add.1	Item 49 (a) — Sustainable development: implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]

A/63/414/Add.7	Item 49 (g) — Sustainable development: Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.2	Item 51 (b) — Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/418/Add.1	Item 53 (a) — Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the second United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (2008-2017) — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/426	Item 60 — Promotion and protection of the rights of children — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/447	Item 119 — Programme planning — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/600	Item 117 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010-2011 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/602	Item 139 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea — Revised budget for the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/606	Item 148 — Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur — Financial performance report for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 and progress report for the period from 1 July 2008 to 30 June 2009 of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.56*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
	Second Committee
A/C.2/63/INF/1	List of proposals contained in the reports of the Second Committee — Note by the Secretariat [E]

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S/2008/728/Add.1	Fourth special report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [A C E F R S]
S/2008/770	Letter dated 9 December 2008 from the Secretary-General to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/772	Letter dated 19 August 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1533 (2004) concerning the Democratic Republic of the Congo addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/781	Report of the Secretary-General on the deployment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur [A C E F R S]
S/2008/785	Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Acting Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/789	Belgium, Croatia, France, Greece, Liberia, Panama, Republic of Korea, Spain and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]

S/Agenda/6045	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6046	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/RES/1851 (2008)	Adopted by the Security Council at its 6046th meeting, on 16 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

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E/2009/5	Item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation: reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food — Report to the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund [A C E F R S]

Commission for Social Development
Forty-seventh session

E/CN.5/2009/3	Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly — Social dimensions of the New Partnership for Africa's Development — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

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Documents

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E/2009/5	Item 5 of the provisional agenda — Report to the Economic and Social Council — Report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund [A C E F R S]

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10 a.m.	6050th meeting	Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda

2. The situation in Somalia

   Letter dated 10 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/769)

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General Assembly

Sixty-third session

10 a.m.[1]	72nd plenary meeting	General Assembly Hall

1. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields: draft resolution (A/63/L.29/Rev.1) [44]

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[1] Instead of 3 p.m.as previously announced.

General Assembly
Sixty-third session

There will be a briefing by the Secretary-General on recent developments, *today,* 19 December 2008, from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. *Member States are invited to participate at the ambassadorial level.* A letter from the Chef de Cabinet of the Office of the President of the General Assembly, dated 18 December 2008, was sent by facsimile to all Permanent Representatives and Observers.

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Morning[1] 6051st meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Liberia

   Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1521 (2003) concerning Liberia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/785)

Morning[2] 6052nd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January 1994 and 31 December1994

   Letter dated 18 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2008/799)

Morning[3] 6053rd meeting Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

   International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States, between 1 January 1994 and 31 December 1994

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[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6050th meeting.

[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6051st meeting.

[3]To be held following the adjournment of the 6052nd meeting.

2. Cooperation between the United Nations and and the Pacific Islands Forum: draft resolution (A/63/L.56) [114 (s)]
3. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources: report of the Second Committee (A/63/410) [38]
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1. Adoption of the agenda
2. Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan

   Report of the Secretary-General on the deployment of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (S/2008/781)

Morning[1]	Consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultations Room

UNAMID (S/2008/781)

Other matters

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 6053rd meeting.
[2]To be held following the adjournment of the 6054th meeting.

Security Council Working Group on Children and Armed Conflict

3 p.m.	Closed meeting	Conference Room 6

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa: report of the Second Committee (A/63/414/Add.5)

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Sixty-third session

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Fifth Committee

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2. Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 . . . . . [118]

First performance report for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/63/573 and A/63/620)

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Revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its seventh and eighth sessions in 2008 and proposals to improve the procedure for presenting to the General Assembly the financial requirements arising from the resolutions and decisions of the Human Rights Council (A/63/541 and A/63/629)

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from resolutions adopted by the Human Rights Council at its ninth session (A/63/541/Add.1 and A/63/629)

Report of the Secretary-General on the resolutions and decisions adopted by the Human Rights Council following its continuing review of its subsidiary machinery and its related programme budget implications a consolidated statement (A/63/587 and A/63/629)

Report of the Secretary-General on the revised estimates resulting from the entry into force of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol Thereto (A/63/583 and A/63/628)

Report of the Secretary-General on the lump-sum arrangements funding of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (A/63/537 and A/63/616)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/63/L.39: Towards an arms trade treaty: establishing international standards for the import, export and transfer of conventional arms (A/C.5/63/10 and A/63/621)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33: Situation of human rights in Myanmar (A/C.5/63/12 and A/63/614)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.46/Rev.1: Committee on the Rights of the Child (A/C.5/63/13 and A/63/624)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.53/Rev.1: International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (A/C.5/63/14 and A/63/617)

Programme budget implications of General Assembly resolution 63/3: Request for an advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on whether the unilateral declaration of independence of Kosovo is in accordance with international law (A/C.5/63/15 and A/63/619)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.16/Rev.1: Rights of the child (A/C.5/63/16 and A/63/623)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.51/Rev.1: Global efforts for the total elimination or racism, dicrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance and the comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (A/C.5/63/17 and A/63/618)

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.57: Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus (A/C.5/63/19 and A/63/625)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning[1]–1 p.m. . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: First performance report for the biennium 2008-2009 (A/63/573 and A/63/620)); and 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/63/600 and A/63/622))

3–5 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2010-2011 (A/63/600 and A/63/622))

[1]To be held following the adjournment of the 26th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

5–5.30 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009: Report of the Secretary-General on estimates in respect of special political missions, good offices and other political initiatives authorized by the General Assembly and/or the Security Council (A/63/346, A/63/346/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.1, A/63/346/Add.1/Corr.1, A/63/346/Add.2, A/63/346/Add.3, A/63/346/Add.4, A/63/346/Add.5 and A/63/593); and Revised estimates relating to the programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 under section 3 and 32, related to the provision of an integrated headquarters facility for the United Nations Assistance Mission in Iraq, in Baghdad (A/62/828 and A/63/601))

5.30–6 p.m. . . . . Informal consultations (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 148 (Financing of the African Union-United Nations Hybrid Operation in Darfur (A/63/544, A/63/535, A/63/606 and A/63/606/Corr.1))

Credentials Committee

12 noon–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 8

General Assembly

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 10

1. Executive session
2. Closure of the session

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session of 2008

4 p.m. . . . . 47th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

   Application of an intergovernmental organization for observer status with the Council

   Action on draft resolution E/2008/L.7/Rev.1

2. Non-governmental organizations . . . . . [12]

   Action on draft decision V contained in document E/2008/32 (Part II)

Afternoon[1]–6 p.m. . . . 48th meeting . . . . . Economic and Social Council Chamber

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters . . . . . [1]

Election of seven members to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the 47th meeting of the Economic and Social Council.

Election to fill a casual vacancy on the Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (UNAIDS)

Nomination to fill a vacancy on the Committee for Programme and Coordination

Informal meetings on draft proposals convened by delegations

Friday, 19 December 2008

General Assembly

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (under agenda item 57) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

1.15–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Other meetings

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Friday, 19 December 2008

Briefing by the Secretariat to the Group of Interested States on the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia (ECCC)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 9

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Human Rights (Guatemala draft declaration and programme of action)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room A

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

10–11 a.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 5

Asian Group

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 2

Other activities

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Friday, 19 December 2008

Special event on the occasion of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation on the theme "Eyes on South-South development solutions" (organized by the Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP)

From 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber:
Round table on "The role of media in development"

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Dingding Sun, Special Unit for South-South Cooperation, UNDP (tel. 1 (212) 906-5819; e-mail dingding.sun@undp.org); or visit the Web site of the Special Unit <http://ssc.undp.org>.]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Friday, 19 December 2008

Room S-226

12 noon . . . . . Press briefing by the Spokesperson

Forthcoming official meetings

Monday, 22 December 2008

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

3 p.m. 73rd plenary meeting . . . . . General Assembly Hall

1. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference: draft resolution (A/63/L.57) . . . . . [48]
2. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa: draft resolution (A/63/L.62) . . . . . [43]
3. Election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission . . . . . [104 (b)]
4. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit: draft resolution (A/63/L.64) [107]
5. Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie: draft resolution (A/63/L.59) . . . . . [114 (k)]
6. Recognition of sickle-cell anaemia as a public health priority: draft resolution (A/63/L.63) . . . . . [155]
7. Election of twenty members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [104 (a)]
8. Report of the Credentials Committee . . . . . [3 (b)]
9. Reports of the Fifth Committee

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 27th meeting on Monday, 22 December 2008, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 5.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme and of the United Nations Population Fund

First regular session 2009

The first regular session 2009 of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA will be held from Monday, 19, to Thursday, 22 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. The provisional agenda, list of documents and work plan for the session are contained in document DP/2009/L.1. Member States as well as Observers and other organizations attending the session are requested to e-mail their credentials to the secretariat of the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board (marcela.romero@undp.org) or by fax (1 (212) 906-5634), as early as possible, but *no later than 12 January 2009*. The session will be preceded by an informal consultation on matters to be taken up at the first regular session of the Board, on Wednesday, 7 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

The joint meeting of the Executive Boards of UNDP/UNFPA, UNICEF and WFP will take place on Friday, 23, and Monday, 26 January 2009, in Conference Room 2. According to decision 2006/14, the Board decided that prior to the convening of the joint meeting, the new Bureau should be selected, and therefore there will be a formal meeting of the Executive Board of UNDP and of UNFPA, on Friday, 9 January, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in Conference Room 5.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

Monday, 22 December 2008, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Announcements

Preparations for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women: Extension of deadline for submission of names of expert panellists

In preparation for the fifty-third session of the Commission on the Status of Women (2–13 March 2009), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives and innovative approaches to promote the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS; and (b) Capacity building for mainstreaming a gender perspective into national policies and programmes to support the equal sharing of responsibilities between women and men, including care-giving in the context of HIV/AIDS. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae outlining the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the theme of the panel. Information should be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail jagwanth@un.org or williams-carter@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Friday, 9 January 2009*. Further details on the panel discussions will be made available at <www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/csw/53sess.htm#interactive>.

Security Council

Web site of the presidency

The Web site of the presidency of the Security Council can be visited at <www.un.org/sc/presidency.asp>.

Recorded information

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Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

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Summary of official meetings

Thursday, 18 December 2008

Security Council

6049th meeting

The situation in the Middle-East, including the Palestinian question

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Iceland, Iran (Islamic Republic), Israel, Japan, Lebanon, Morocco, Norway, Pakistan, Qatar, the Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey and Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to a letter dated 11 December 2008 from the Chargé d'affaires of the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine to the United Nations (S/2008/794), requesting an invitation for the Permanent Observer of Palestine to participate in the meeting in accordance with the Council's previous practice. In accordance with the provisional rules of procedure and the previous practice in this regard, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the Permanent Observer of Palestine to the United Nations to participate in the discussion.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Robert H. Serry, Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General.

In response to the request contained in a letter dated 15 December 2008 from the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, the President extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to the Chairman of the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, H.E. Mr. Paul Badji.

The Council began its consideration of the item and heard a briefing by Mr. Serry.

The Council heard a statement by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Council heard a statement by the representative of Israel.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom, Italy, the United States, France, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Burkina Faso, Belgium, the Russian Federation, Indonesia, China, Costa Rica, South Africa, Panama and Viet Nam, and by the President, speaking in his capacity as the representative of Croatia.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, Lebanon and Brazil.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the Council heard statements by the representatives of Cuba, Turkey, Japan, Pakistan, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Morocco, Norway, Australia, Iceland, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Qatar.

The Council heard a statement by H.E. Mr. Paul Badji.

The representative of Israel made a further statement.

Mr. Serry responded to comments.

General Assembly

Sixty-third session

70th–71st plenary meetings

The summary of the 70th and 71st plenary meetings will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2008/247).

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. New York, 13 December 2006

Signature: Bulgaria (18 December 2008)

Amendment to the Convention on Access to Information, Public Participation in Decision-Making and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters. Almaty, 27 May 2005

Ratification: Italy (17 December 2008)[1]

[1]Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *December 2008* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Morocco
H.E. Mr. Mohammed Loulichki

Asian States:
Thailand
H.E. Mr. Don Pramudwinai

Eastern European States:
Czech Republic
H.E. Mr. Martin Palouš

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Colombia
H.E. Ms. Claudia Blum

Western European and other States:
Israel
H.E. Ms. Gabriela Shalev

Daily list of documents issued at Headquarters

With the exception of sales publications and public information material, hyperlinked official documents listed hereunder may be accessed through the Official Document System of the United Nations in the electronic version of the present Journal. The list contains documents issued by 2 p.m. on Thursday, 18 December 2008.

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A/63/414/Add.6	Item 49 (f) — Sustainable development: Convention on Biological Diversity — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/415	Item 50 — Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.1	Item 51 (a) — Globalization and interdependence: role of the United Nations in promoting development in the context of globalization and interdependence — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/416/Add.4	Item 51 (d) — Globalization and interdependence: preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of assets of illicit origin and returning such assets, in particular to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/417/Add.1	Item 52 (a) — Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/417/Add.2	Item 52 (b) — Groups of countries in special situations: specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/419	Item 54 — Operational activities for development — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/420	Item 110 — Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly — Report of the Second Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/430/Add.2	Item 64 (b) — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms — Report of the Third Committee [A C E F R S]
A/63/565	Item 149 — Financing of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad — Performance report on the budget of the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad for the period from 1 July 2007 to 30 June 2008 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/63/614	Items 118 and 64 (c) — Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Promotion and protection of human rights: human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives — Situation of human rights in Myanmar — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/63/L.33 — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/63/L.58	Item 104 (b) — Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission — Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly — Election by the General Assembly of seven members of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission: term of office [A C E F R S]
A/63/L.59	Item 114 (k) — Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations: cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie — Andorra, Armenia, Belgium, Benin, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Equatorial Guinea, France, Gabon, Greece, Guinea, Hungary, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Mali, Monaco, Niger, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Switzerland, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia and Uruguay: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
	Fifth Committee
A/C.5/63/19	Items 118 and 48 — Programme budget for the biennium 2008-2009 — Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing for Development and the preparation of the 2008 Review Conference — Doha Declaration on Financing for Development: outcome document of the Follow-up International Conference on Financing for Development to Review the Implementation of the Monterrey Consensus — Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/63/L.57 — Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly [A C E F R S]
A/C.5/63/L.5	Item 123 — Human re sources management — List of staff of the United Nations Secretariat — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2008/760/Add.1	Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Mission in the Central African Republic and Chad [A C E F R S]
S/2008/783	Letter dated 12 December 2008 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]
S/2008/784	Letter dated 16 December 2008 from the President of the Security Council to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
S/2008/785*	Reissued for technical reasons [A C E F R S]
S/2008/787	Russian Federation and United States of America: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/2008/792	France: draft resolution [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6047	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]
S/Agenda/6048	Provisional agenda [A C E F R S]

S/RES/1850 (2008) Adopted by the Security Council at its 6045th meeting, on 16 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

S/RES/1852 (2008) Adopted by the Security Council at its 6048th meeting, on 16 December 2008 [A C E F R S]

Economic and Social Council

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Commission for Social Development
Forty-seventh session

E/CN.5/2009/4 Item 3 of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly — Promoting full employment and decent work for all — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

E/CN.5/2009/5 Agenda item 3 (b) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: review of the relevant United Nations plans and programmes of action pertaining to the situation of social groups — Further implementation of the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing: strategic implementation framework — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

E/CN.5/2009/8 Item 4 (c) of the provisional agenda — Programme questions and other matters: United Nations Research Institute for Social Development — Report of the Board of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development — Note by the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

E/CN.5/2009/NGO/1 Item 3 (a) of the provisional agenda — Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly: priority theme: social integration — Statement submitted by AARP, a non-governmental organization in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council [A C E F R S]

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